IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE THOTTATHIL B.RADHAKRISHNAN

FRIDAY, THE 27TH JULY 2007 / 5TH SRAVANA 1929

WP(C).No. 740 of 2004(K)

PETITIONER:

K.K.CHANDRAN, JUNIOR FOREMAN (MACHINE), GOVERNMENT PRESS, SHORANUR.

BY ADV. SRI.P.RAVINDRAN

RESPONDENTS:

1. **DIRECTOR OF PRINTING, GOVERNMENT CENTRAL PRESS, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**
2. **DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, GOVERNMENT PRESS, SHORANUR.**
3. **C.S.JAYAN, JUNIOR FOREMAN, MACHINE, GOVERNMENT PRESS SHORANUR.**
4. **M.B.SASIDHARAN, ASSISTANT FOREMAN, MACHINE, GOVERNMENT PRESS SHORANUR.**

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SMT. SMITHA SUKUMARAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON 27/07/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

WPC.NO.740/2004 K

APPENDIX

PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS:

EXT.P1: COPY OF THE ORDER NO.34560/94/E4 DTD. 30/01/1995.

EXT.P2: COPY OF THE ORDER NO.12658/2000/E4 DTD. 20/05/2000.

EXT.P3: COPY OF THE DISTRICTWISE SENIORITY LIST.

EXT.P4: COPY OF THE ORDER NO.33145/03/SPL.CELL DTD. 21/10/2003.

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P.S.TO JUDGE

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THOTTATHIL B. RADHAKRISHNAN, J.

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Dated this the 27th day of July, 2007.

JUDGMENT

The complaint of the petitioner is that by Ext.P4, his seniority in the cadre of Assistant Foreman and Junior Foreman has been reviewed to his detriment without affording him an opportunity of being heard. This plea as to absence of pre-decisional hearing is not disputed by the respondents. Under such circumstances, the impugned Ext.P4 is quashed in so far as it affects the petitioner adversely leaving respondents 1 and 2 with liberty to take any necessary action after affording the petitioner an opportunity of being heard.

The writ petition is allowed as above.

THOTTATHIL B. RADHAKRISHNAN,
Sha/ **JUDGE.**